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Vocabulary:

Beware the Thunder

1. bedraggled (bih-DRAG-uhld) *adjective*; Someone or something that is bedraggled is limp and dirty, wet, or untidy, either from actually being in the rain or mud or as *if* from being in the rain or mud. So you might be bedraggled after playing soccer in the rain, but you could also be bedraggled after not getting enough sleep.

The prefix *extra-* means “outside” or “beyond.” Something that is *extracurricular* exists outside of the regular curriculum; that is, you do it in addition to your school (or work) duties. Playing tennis and working on the school newspaper are extracurricular activities.

2. detestable (dih-TES-tuh-buhl) *adjective*; The verb *detest* means “to dislike very strongly.” If you detest broccoli, you probably wouldn’t eat it even if someone paid you. Something that is detestable causes or deserves intense dislike.

3. grizzled (GRIZ-uhld) *adjective*; Some who is grizzled has hair that is streaked or mixed with gray. The man in this photo has a grizzled beard.

4. hackles (HAK-uhls) *noun*; Hackles are the hairs along the neck and back of a dog, cat, or other animal that stick up when the animal feels alarmed or angry.

5. impose (im-POHZ) *verb*; To impose is to force something on someone else—generally something that the other person doesn’t want. A school principal might impose a new rule. A judge might impose a fine.

Impose can also mean “take advantage of” or “make unfair demands on.” If your friend Kim invites you to stay for dinner but you think that would be inconvenient for her parents, you might reply, “Thank you, but I don’t want to impose.”

6. lush (luhsh) *adjective*; *Lush* is used to describe full, healthy plant growth. This photo shows lush hills. *Lush* can also mean luxurious—having a pleasing, rich quality. A room with silk curtains, a crystal chandelier, and a velvet sofa piled high with pillows might be described as lush.

7. saunter (SAWN-tur) *verb*; To saunter is to walk slowly and in a relaxed way, as the people in this video are doing.

8. shabby (SHAB-ee) *adjective*; *Shabby* means “old and worn out.” *Shabby* can also mean “unkind or unfair and shameful.” If Adam invites Dave to go with him to a party and then ignores Dave and hangs out with other people once they get there, you could say that Adam’s behavior is shabby.

Directions: On the back of this page, list any other words from the play whose definitions you are not sure about. For each word, use context clues to try to figure out the meaning. Then look up the word in a few different dictionaries. Discuss the primary meaning of the word with your teacher or another adult. Then write a definition for the word and one example sentence using the word.